



## **PAC Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2017**

### **Present:**

Cora MacDonald	Peter Chu
Jane Orser	Christina Argyros
Marketa Newbery	Heather Thomas
Traci Rosencrans	Helen Pankratz
Chantal Zhang	Jennifer Merrick
Sean Dillon	Alys Shantz
Tanja Imhoff	Julia Jarvis

### **Welcome and Call to Order at 9:05**

**Agenda and October 13 Minutes were approved.**

### **Vice Chair's Report - Peter Chu**

#### **Thank You's**

- Thank you to Maryam Hajiloo for a great Halloween Event
- Thank you to Anna and Heather for organizing Poinsettia and Purdy's Fundraisers
- Thank you to Family Dance Committee
- Thank you to Sara Relling for organizing Christmas Hampers
- Thank you to Mohamed for Hot Lunch
  - we will be leaving Hot Lunch as is
  - Tubify is back as a vendor
- Lunar New Year Update by Julia - Feb 19th was the proposed date and a change to the format.
- We need to finalize the Wish List and Big Ideas for Marketa by December so we can work them into themes for the gala.

### **Principal's Report - Judy Duncan (Read by Kim Gould)**

**Thank you** to parents for providing fun-filled Halloween activities for the primary students in the undercover area. They had so much fun!

**Thank you** to Peter Chu and Raouf Dridi for their ongoing support with traffic in the upper parking lot. It is much appreciated.

Looking forward to the Family Dance on November 24<sup>th</sup>! Thank you parents for organizing.

### **Learning**

- Outdoor School for our Gr. 6/7 students from October 17-19 was a big success despite the inclement weather. A huge thank you to the parents who accompanied the students on this adventure to Camp Fircom on Gambier Island.

- Learning Conferences – We hope that parents found the recent learning conferences on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> productive and meaningful. First term reports will be sent home on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>
- FSA Testing – now completed for the current Grade 4 and 7 students. Results from last year will be available soon. We use the results at the school level to determine if there is a gender discrepancy we should be aware of (e.g., girls outperform boys on reading tests) and/or any students who may need additional support.
- Remembrance Day - Student-led assembly on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> was lovely, with many classes performing. Veteran Steven Cochrane was in attendance. Many classes participated in learning engagements prior to the date to enhance their learning of this important day. Thank you to the Song boys in Grade 5 for laying West Bay's wreath with Ms. Duncan at the West Vancouver Cenotaph on November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Circus - Students from K-7 enjoyed rotating through activities on Monday/Tues Nov. 7,8. From juggling to tightrope walking, they had fun developing eye-hand coordination and balance! Thank you to PAC for funding this PE opportunity.
- Robotics – Our Grade 6/7 classes are delivering lessons this week in preparation of Todd Ablett's visit next week. He will be working with these classes on Robotics. These lessons support the ADST curriculum.
- Basketball – Season well underway with final tournaments on November 28<sup>th</sup> for the girls and the 29<sup>th</sup> for the boys. Both will be at WVSS 1:00 – 4:00. Thank you to coaches -- Chantelle McGrath (girls) and parents Phil Kuzyk and David Chapman (boys).

### **Professional Development**

- Executive Function
  - Many teachers attended a session with Sarah Ward in Port Moody on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Strategies have already been implemented in many classrooms and we will continue to deepen our understanding of this important work which relates to the cognitive domain of self-regulation.
- Critical Thinking
  - Warren Woytuck from the Critical Thinking Consortium spent Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon with our teachers. We learned how to define critical thinking and how to nurture self-regulated learners. We are pleased to be a Partner of the Critical Thinking Consortium as we have access to a myriad of resources and Professional Development opportunities. This supports our 3-year School Goal: To develop students' critical thinking competency.
- Outdoor Learning
  - Teachers are keen on learning more about how to facilitate meaningful learning opportunities in the outdoors. We invited Heather Fraser (Saplings Outdoor Program) to speak at our staff meeting on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Visitors**

- **Georgia, USA**

A group from Atlanta, Georgia visited WV Schools, which included a stop at West Bay. They were interested in learning more about the work we are doing in the area of social-emotional learning.

- **Beijing, China**

Many dignitaries from China visited West Vancouver Schools (a high performing district) and West Bay on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> to learn about assessment, leadership, self-regulation and collaborative planning models. (These were in addition to the visitors from China on Oct. 2)

## **Teacher Candidates from UBC**

- We have 2 teacher candidates from the UBC IB Cohort currently doing their 2-week practicum in Grade 2 and 3 classrooms

## **Treasurer's Report - Christina Argyros**

This month we paid \$13545.12 to hot lunch, \$1680 to the 2 day circus workshop for K-7 as well as \$1705 to the Maker Lab program run in October.

If you would like any more information, please contact the executive for details.

## **District Parent Advisory Council Report - Helen Pankratz**

- Student enrolment is up in West Vancouver. The more students the better as we will receive more money from the government
- Staffing - 40 resignations and 50 new hires
- Grade 4 and 7 FSA's are different this year as they were written in the fall rather than the spring. In West Vancouver, 90% of the students write the tests.
- Milo the Robot was presented, which helps Autism students. It is a pilot program and the first in Canada.

## **Committee Updates**

**Family Dance** - Sean Dillon

Theme is "Glow"

Please RSVP by November 20th

**Gala** - Marketa Newbery

- We need to finalize wish list items

- “80’s Glam” will be the theme
- Early Bird Tickets \$85 and \$100 after
- Please do not book a room until we have a promo code

### **New Business**

#### **Chinese New Year - Julia**

- Celebration February 19th
- there will be two sessions: morning and afternoon

#### **Vote on Motion to spend up to \$4500 to purchase classroom tables and stools.**

Tables for two classrooms needed to replace desks

- this will allow for a more collaborative workspace

**Moved by Marketa, seconded by Sean. Motion carried.**

**Adjournment:** 10:30am

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